(a) whether the Government are having any statistics related to the number of unskilled labourers working all over the country;

(b) whether Government undertake any welfare measures to safeguard the interest of unskilled labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government consider to implement the insurance and pensionary benefits to those sectors?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Estimates not available.

(b) and (c) The Labour Welfare Organisation of the Ministry of Labour & Employment provide welfare facilities in the sphere of Health, Education, Housing and Social Security to the workers of certain non-coal mines/ Beedi & Cine industry, including their dependents. Major initiatives in these spheres include provision of health care through Hospitals/dispensaries/ static-cum-mobile dispensaries of the Labour Welfare Organisation, reimbursement in case of major illnesses, maternity benefits, provision of scholarships, provision of subsidy and contribution for construction of a tenement, financial assistance to the widow of beedi/mine/cine workers for marriage of first two daughters etc.

(d) Several Ministries/Departments have designed insurance schemes for the occupational groups like weavers, handicraft workers, fishermen & fisherwomen, etc. The redesigned Unviersal Health Insurance Scheme is available for the families living below poverty line (BPL). There is also a Janshree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance of Corporation of India (LIC) which provides insurance cover of Rs. 20,000 in case of natural death; Rs. 50,000 in case of death or permanent total disability and Rs. 25,000 in case of partial permanent disability due to an accident.

Funds allocated under Child Labour Welfare and Rehabilitation Scheme

†2584. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of chiid labourers in the country is increasing constantly;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of child labourers in the country in the years 1991 and 2001;

(c) the details of the amount allocated by Government under Child Labour Welfare and Rehabilitation Scheme during last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the said amount is being fully utilized by the States; and

(e) the details of steps taken by Government for checking the growing number of child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the Census 2001 figures, the number of working children in the country has registered slight increase over that of 1991 in absolute terms. However, the percentage of working children to that of child population has come down. The number of working children in the country as per the last two Census is given below:

Year	1991	2001
Population of working children (in crores)	1.12	1.26

(c) A Statement is annexed. (*See* below)

(d) Funds are not released to the State Governments, but are directly allocated to the various districts under the NCLP Scheme for utilization.

(e) With a view to rehabilitating children withdrawn from hazardous occupations and processes, Government is implementing National Child Labour Project Scheme in 250 districts spread over 21 States of the country. Under the Scheme, special schools are set up by the NCLP Societies for child labour to provide bridging education before they are mainstreamed into the regular school education system. In addition, 21 districts of the country are being covered under a similar INDO-US (INDUS) Scheme for rehabilitation of working children. During the 10th Plan, Government is focusing on coverging the National Child Labour Project Scheme with various welfare schemes of different departments of the Government in order to make multi-pronged efforts to eliminate child labour from this country.

Statement

State-wise details of funds allocated by the Government under Child Labour Welfare and Rehabilitation Scheme during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Funds released in 2002-03	Funds released in 2003-04	Funds released in 2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	173,099,447	169,316,387	232,220,831
2.	Assam	—	—	686,500
3.	Bihar	15,038,454	20,535,724	28,205,834
4.	Chattisgarh	18,705,009	16,847,344	23,080,814
5.	Gujarat	—	—	2,153,500
6.	Goa	—	—	592,000
7.	Jharkhand	16,478,418	18,286,506	19,285,773
8.	Karnataka	29,634,864	32,056,910	33,101,388
9.	Madhya Pradesh	15,040,004	13,498,563	44,521,226
10.	Maharashtra	13,426,232	10,223,618	16,848,418
11.	Orissa	92,931,983	113,266,981	131,264,355
12.	Rajasthan	33,710,290	35,207,381	44,303,713
13.	Tamil Nadu	74,914,668	74,657,543	72,462,692
14.	Uttar Pradesh	84,173,823	75,912,162	75,414,744
15.	West Bengal	50,076,934	45,620,576	74,236,099
16.	Punjab	18,754,380	23,937,440	18,404,902
17.	Haryana	—	—	458,500
18.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	458,500
	TOTAL	635,984,506	649,367,135	817,699,789